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For ENHANCED METHOD OF KILLING WEEDS WITH GLYPHOSATE HERBICIDE
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,
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In response to the Office action mailed March 27, 2003,
applicant requests reconsideration of the rejections based upon
the following remarks:

REMARKSPrior Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Applicants acknowledge that claims 6 and 20 meet the
requirements under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection
of claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over
the combined teaching of Crudden (US 5,985,798) and Magin et al.
(US 5,710,103).

The Office has stated that one having ordinary skill in the
art would have been motivated to combine the compositions of
Crudden and Magin et al. to enhance glyphosate activity. It is
further stated that determination of optimum glyphosate:total
surfactant and N-acylsarcosinate:amine surfactant ratios is a
matter of routine experimentation. Applicants respectfully
disagree.

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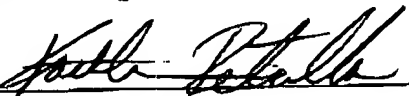
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